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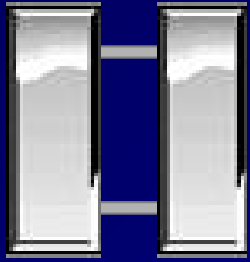## CPT ALSTON

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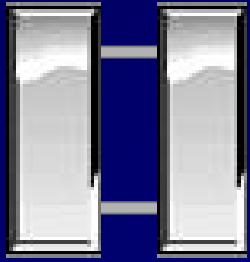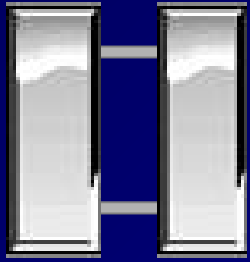## REFERENCES

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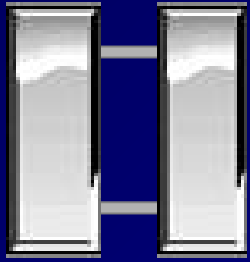- FM 71-100-2
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COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

OUTLINE

- **Command and Control Fundamentals**
- **Command Post Operations and Technology**
- **Command Post Facilities**
- **G1 Functions, Manning, and Critical Tasks**

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COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

COMMAND AND CONTROL
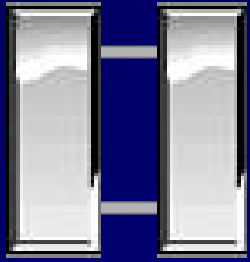
- **Fundamentals**

- **Guidelines**

- **Types of Command Posts**

- **Command Post Relationships**

COMMAND AND CONTROL (C2) FUNDAMENTALS
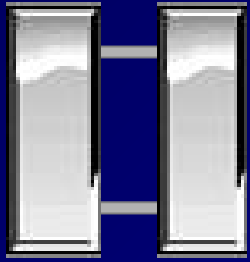
 Command and Control not a single term

 Command

 Control

 More control IMPOSED - less command IMPLIED

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

COMMAND AND CONTROL GUIDELINES

- **Small and efficient HQs**

- **One commander**

- **Effectiveness of voices**

- **Oral, face to face orders**

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COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

TYPES OF COMMAND POSTS (CPS)

- **Tactical Command Posts (TAC CP)**

- **Main Command Posts (Main CP)**

- **Rear Command Posts (Rear CP)**

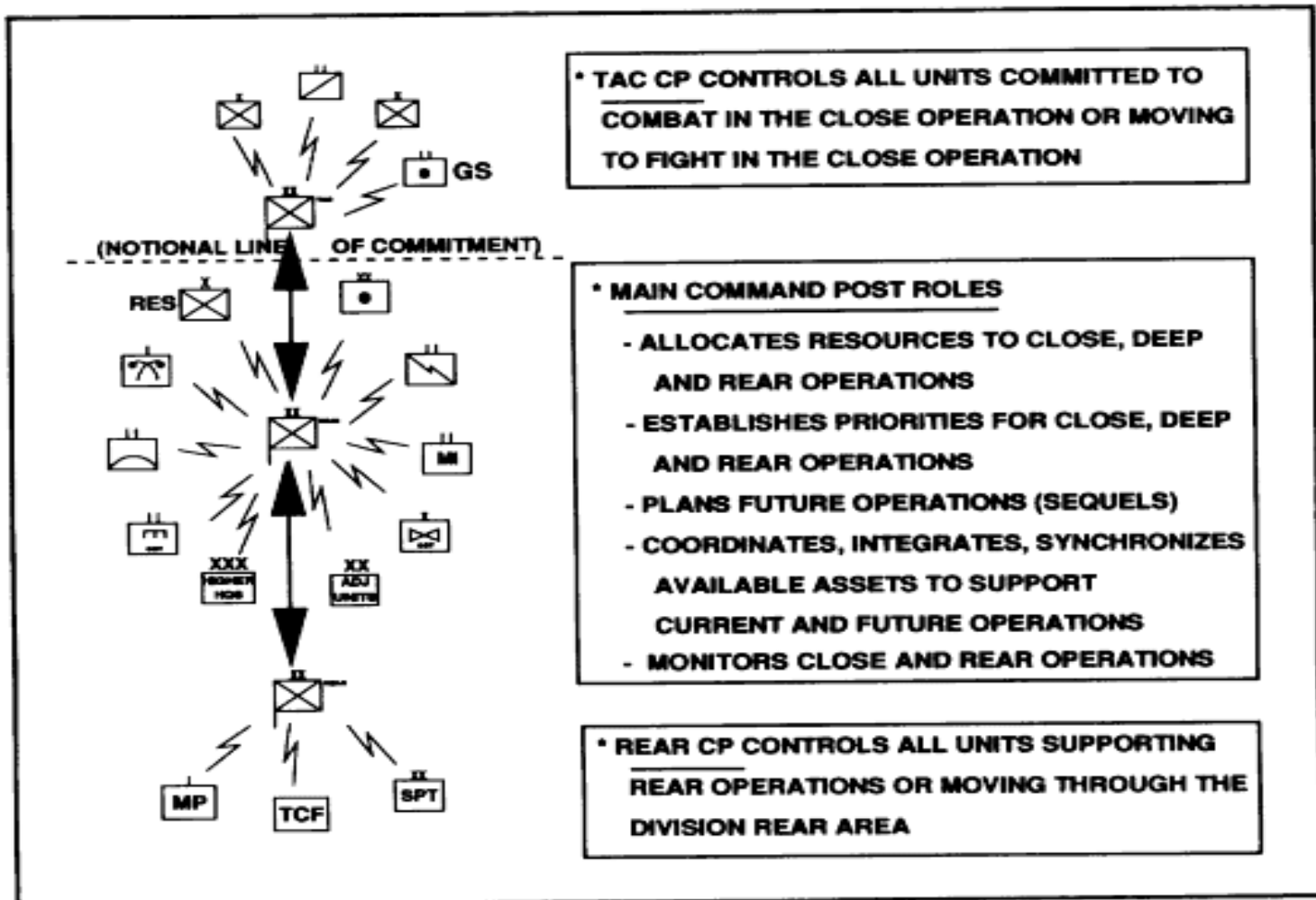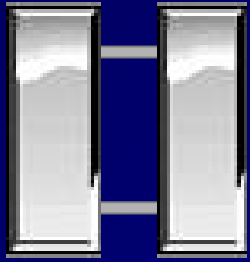**Both the TAC CP and the Rear CP are extensions of the Main CP.**

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

* TAC CP CONTROLS ALL UNITS COMMITTED TO COMBAT IN THE CLOSE OPERATION OR MOVING TO FIGHT IN THE CLOSE OPERATION

* MAIN COMMAND POST ROLES

- ALLOCATES RESOURCES TO CLOSE, DEEP AND REAR OPERATIONS
- ESTABLISHES PRIORITIES FOR CLOSE, DEEP AND REAR OPERATIONS
- PLANS FUTURE OPERATIONS (SEQUELS)
- COORDINATES, INTEGRATES, SYNCHRONIZES AVAILABLE ASSETS TO SUPPORT CURRENT AND FUTURE OPERATIONS
- MONITORS CLOSE AND REAR OPERATIONS

* REAR CP CONTROLS ALL UNITS SUPPORTING REAR OPERATIONS OR MOVING THROUGH THE DIVISION REAR AREA

Figure 2-1. Division CP employment: roles and relationships

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

COMMAND AND CONTROL RELATIONSHIPS

- Division CPs are generation centers for:
  - ➤ Information
  - Acquisition
  - Processing
  - Dissemination
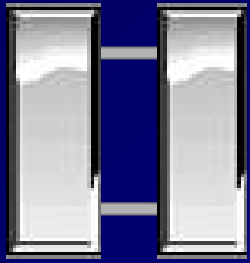 - Orders

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COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

COMMAND AND CONTROL RELATIONSHIPS

- Divisions fight one battle with three operations:

    - Deep

    - Close

    - Rear

A clear delineation of command in the battle must be made to ID which CP is in charge.
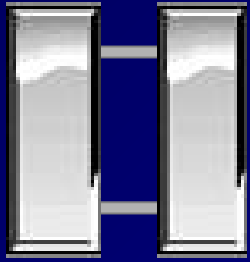
COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

COMMAND AND CONTROL RELATIONSHIPS

- **5 common division CP staff functions**

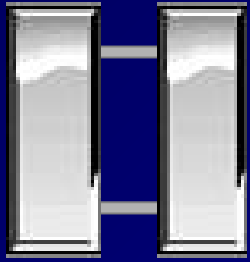- **Only the division Main CP plans sequels to current**
     mission

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

COMMAND POST OPERATIONS AND TECHNIQUES

- Command Post Personnel

- Information Management

- Maneuver Information

- Intelligence Information

- Planning

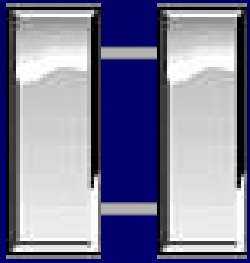*THE* A *TEAM -"A TEAM" of ONE*

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

COMMAND POST OPERATIONS AND TECHNIQUES

- Transition

- Parallel Planning

- Continuous Operations

- Command Post Displacement
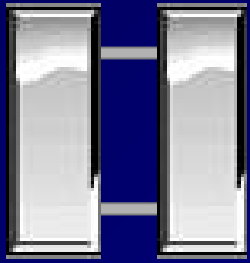
- Command Post Security

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

COMMAND POST PERSONNEL

 Each command post must have quality personnel regardless of equipment or facilities, to remain a constant factor that will define an effective command post operation

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

 Information generated to enable the commander to make timely decisions during turmoil and confusion of battle
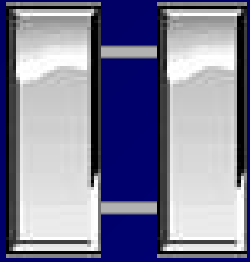
COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

MANEUVER INFORMATION

 Maneuver is the responsibility of the operations officers (S3 or G3) at each echelon of command. Maneuver is the pivotal system around which all other support systems revolve.

INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION

 G2 operations (Intelligence Cell) collates all information relating to intelligence functions. This cell monitors the entire intelligence battlefield operation.
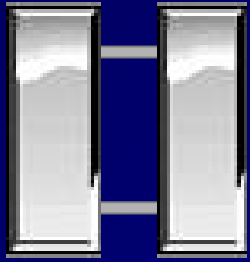
COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

PLANNING

 The planning element is located in the vicinity of the main CP and works for the G3

TRANSITION OPERATIONS PLANNING

 The primary role of the plans element is to remain focused on the future operations by developing plans, coordinating, integrating, and synchronizing current operations to transition from current to future
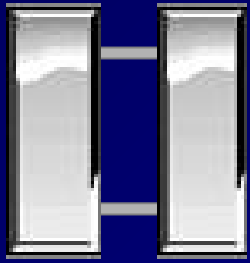
PARALLEL PLANNING

 Parallel Planning is the act of conceptualizing, developing, and synchronizing a future operations plan with a current operation and it's continually changing situations.

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

CONTINUOUS OPERATIONS

 Continuous operations are a combat multiplier when effective performance is sustained
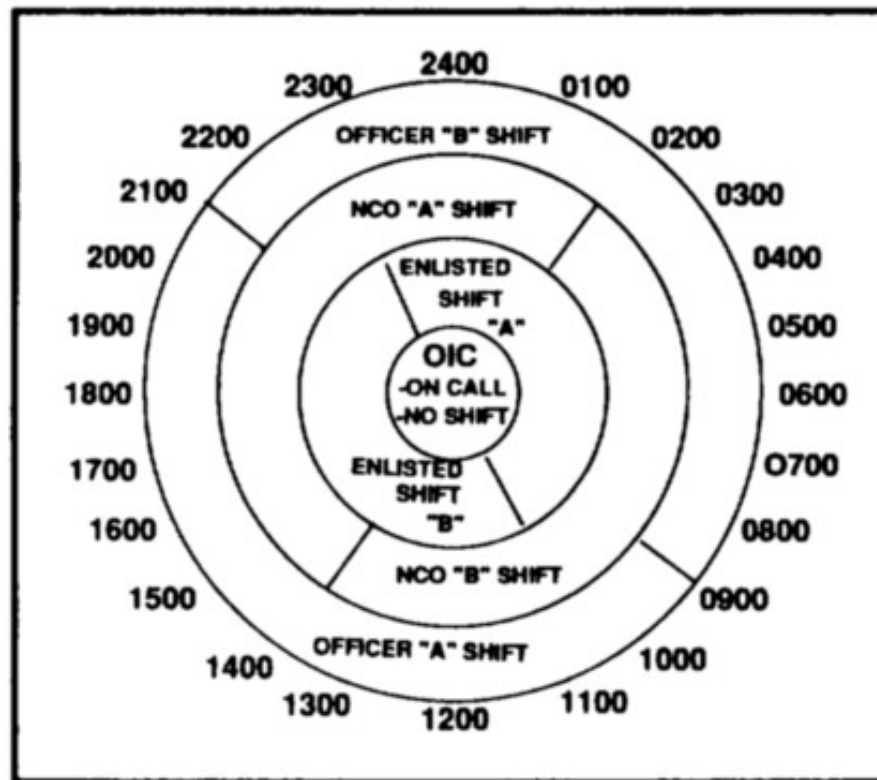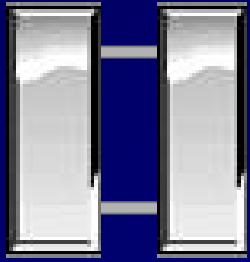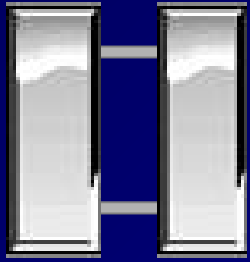

Figure 2-2. Shift wheel technique

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

COMMAND POST SECURITY

 Security of the CP takes many using MSE or other wire communication as the primary enhances electronic security
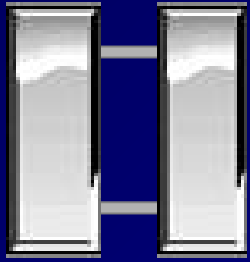
COMMAND POST DISPLACEMENT

 Displacing a CP is a function of training and staff battle drills that each unit must accomplish within its resources and training schedule
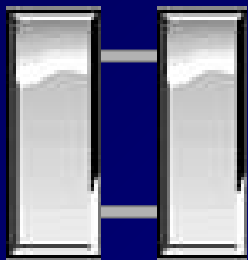
TACTICAL COMMAND POST (TAC CP)

- Forward in the close operation

- Minimally structured and manned

- Highly mobile and may receive in/direct fires

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

TACTICAL COMMAND POST (TAC CP)

- Two configurations of the TAC CP
- Established in secure area
- "Warm mode" when not deployed out
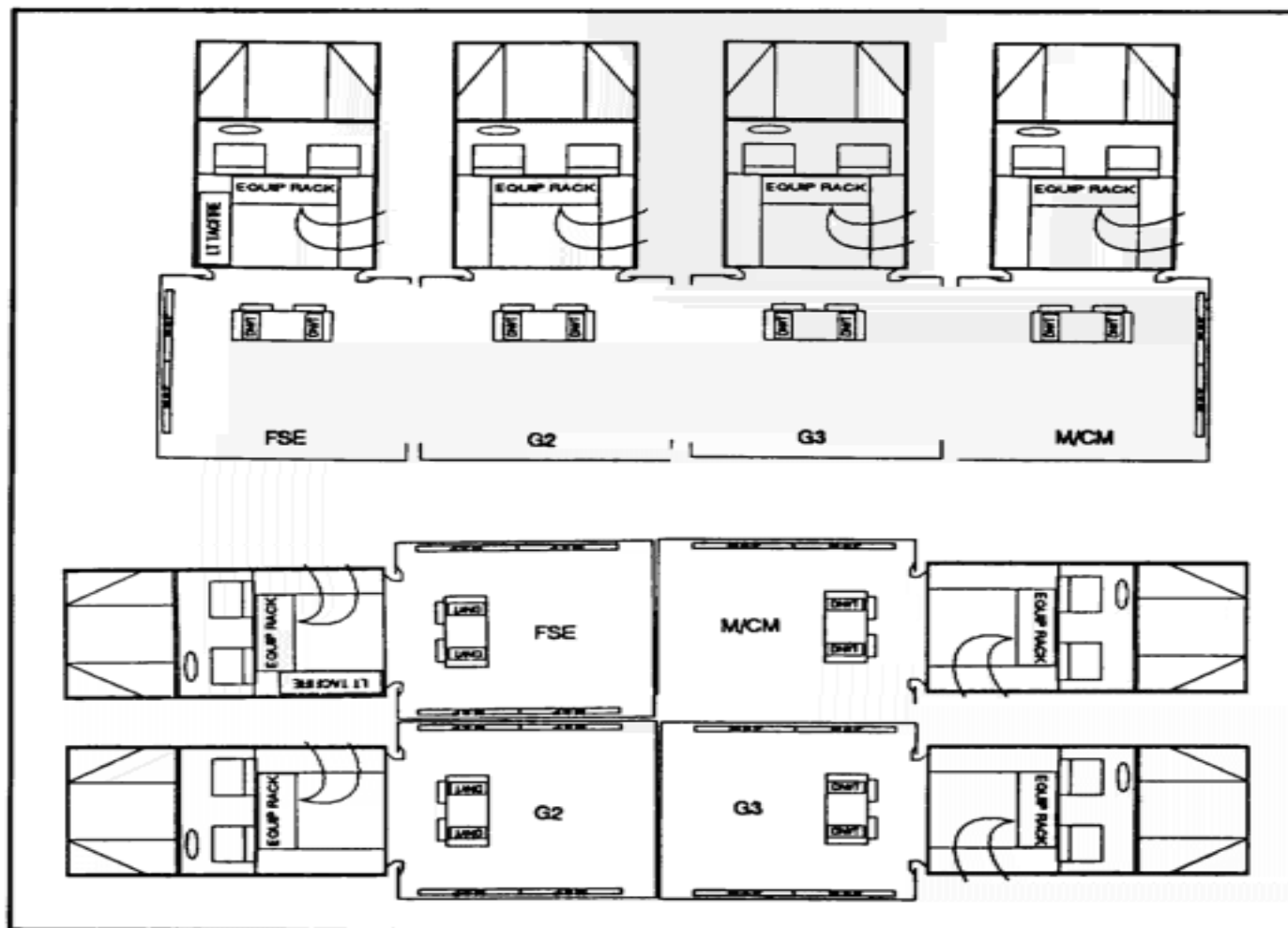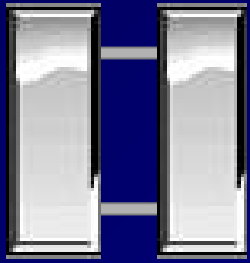
TAC CP CONFIGURATIONS

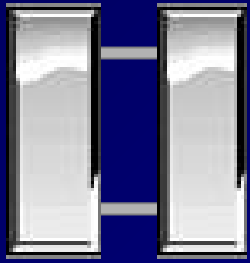Figure 2-3. TAC CP deployment, side-by-side and back-to-back

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

EXAMPLES OF GENERIC EQUIPMENT - TAC CP

- 5 x HMMWV , 2-3 trailers
- 4 x SICPS Command Tent
- Redundant Commo Equipment (FM, AM, MSE)
- AO Maps and Status Boards
- Generator, light set, and wiring
- Laptop Computers
- Camo netting
- Supporting C2 Accessories

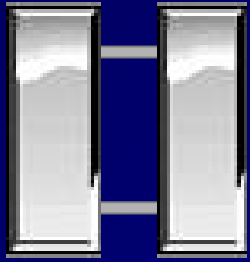# COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

5 SUPPORTING ELEMENTS - TAC CP MANNING

- Asst Div CDR for Maneuver (ADC-M)

- G2 Operations

- G3 Operations

- Fire Support Element (FSE) (Army and USAF)

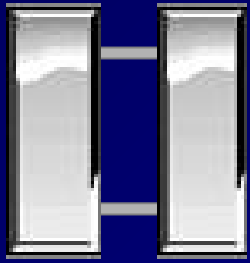- Mobility and Survivability (ENG and Chemo)

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TAC CP CRITICAL FUNCTIONS

- **Coordination and Synchronization**

- **Receive, post, analyze and distribute info and intel from higher, lower, and adjacent**

- **Synchronize and expedite all FSE assets**

- **Coordinate and integrate mobility and survivability operations**

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COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

THE MAIN COMMAND POST

- **Massed Configuration**

- **Command Cell**

- **G3 Cell**

- **G2 Cell**

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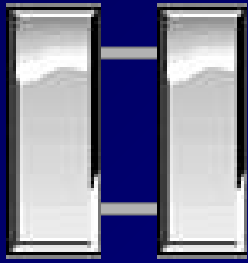
COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

MASSED CONFIGURATION

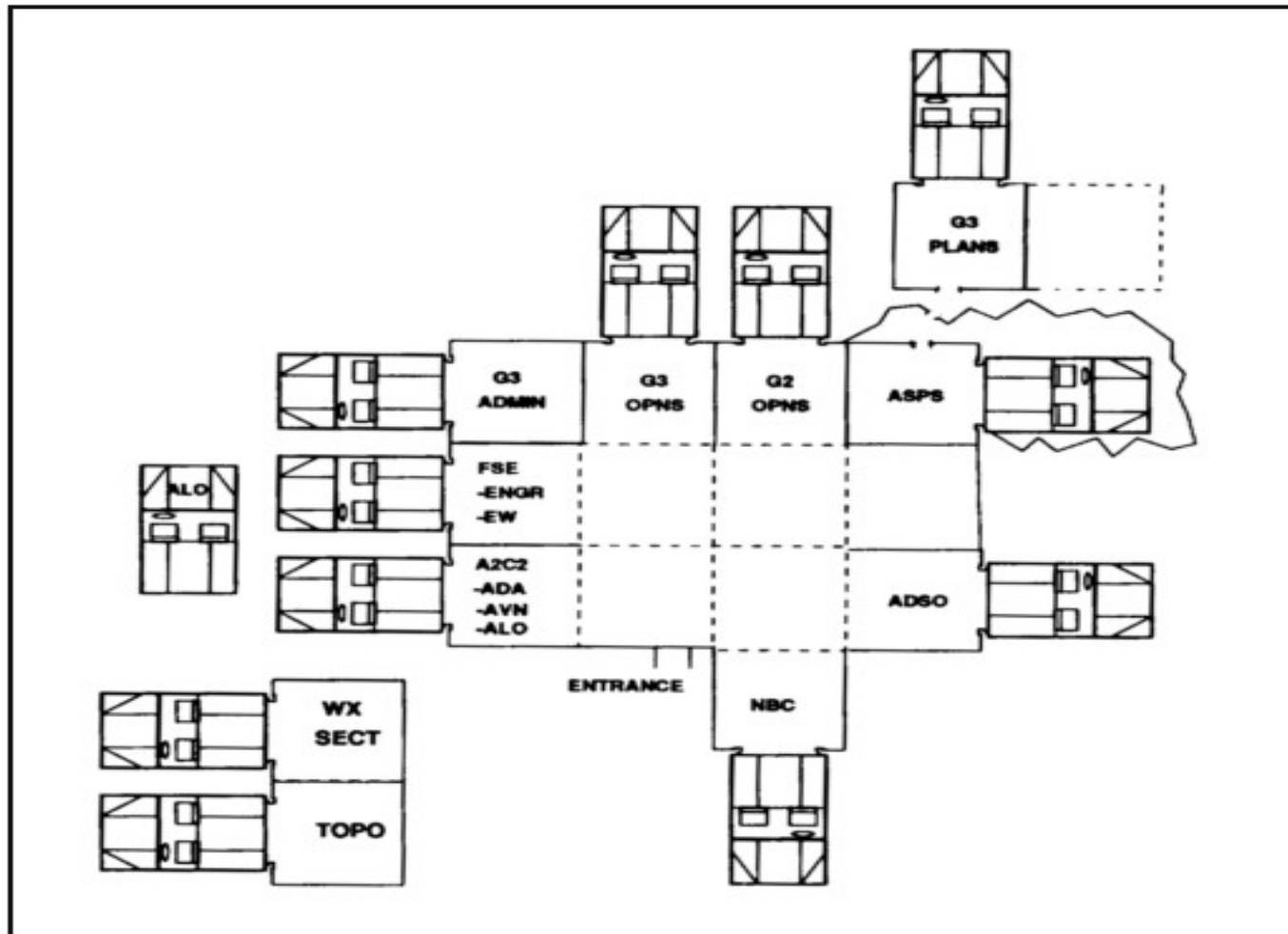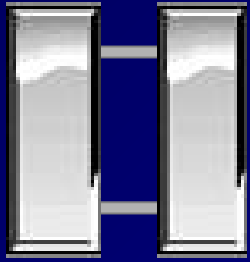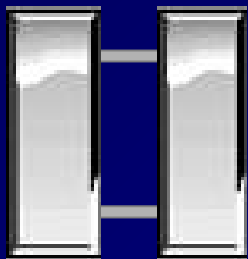Figure 2-13. Main CP massed configuration

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

COMMAND CELL

✦ **Commanding General (CG)**

 Chief of Staff (CoS)

 Secretary of the General Staff (SGS)

 Liaison Officer's (LO's)

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

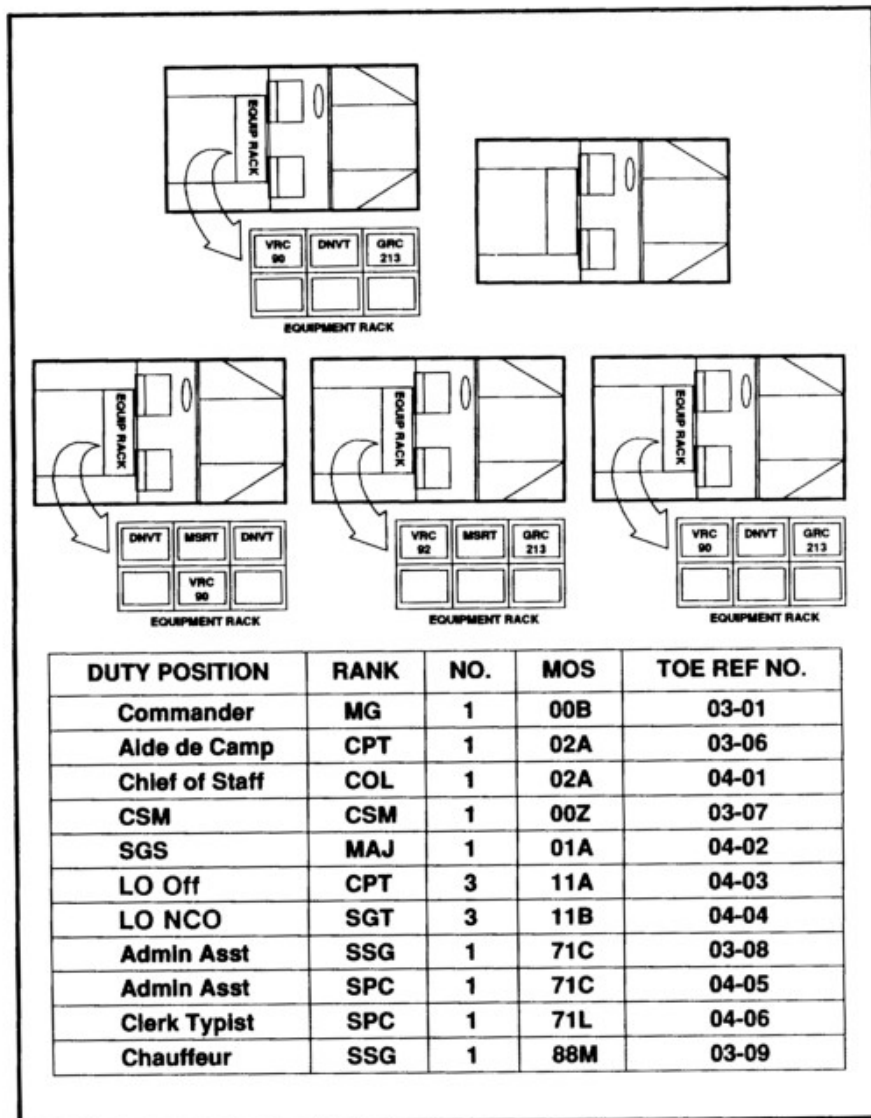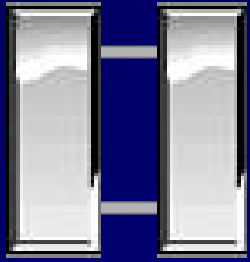| DUTY POSITION	RANK	NO.	MOS	TOE REF NO.
Commander	MG	1	00B	03-01
Aide de Camp	CPT	1	02A	03-06
Chief of Staff	COL	1	02A	04-01
CSM	CSM	1	00Z	03-07
SGS	MAJ	1	01A	04-02
LO Off	CPT	3	11A	04-03
LO NCO	SGT	3	11B	04-04
Admin Asst	SSG	1	71C	03-08
Admin Asst	SPC	1	71C	04-05
Clerk Typist	SPC	1	71L	04-06
Chauffeur	SSG	1	88M	03-09

Figure 2-14. Command center personnel and vehicles

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

COMMAND CELL
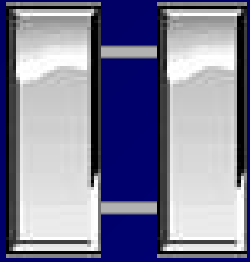
- Conduct and status of the overall battle

- Synchronize functions of the Main CP

- Information manager for division operations

- Provide liaison teams
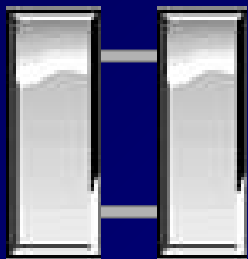
COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

ELEMENT	CURRENT	PROJECTED	ELEMENT	CURRENT	PROJECTED
1st Bde	◯	◯	3rd Bde	◯	◯
INF Bn	◯	◯	INF Bn	◯	◯
INF Bn	◯	◯	INF Bn	◯	◯
INF Bn	◯	◯	INF Bn	◯	◯
FA Bn (DS)	◯	◯	AVN Bde	◯	◯
ENGR Co (DS)	◯	◯	ATK Bn	◯	◯
ADA Btry (DS)	◯	◯	ASLT Bn	◯	◯
1st FSB	◯	◯	DIVARTY	◯	◯
2d Bde	◯	◯	DISCOM	◯	◯
INF Bn	◯	◯	Div Troops		
INF Bn	◯	◯	CAV Sqdn	◯	◯
INF Bn	◯	◯	ENGR Bn	◯	◯
FA Bn (DS)	◯	◯	ADA Bn	◯	◯
ENGR Co (DS)	◯	◯	MI Bn	◯	◯
ADA Btry (DS)	◯	◯	SIGNAL Bn	◯	◯
2d FSB	◯	◯	MP Co	◯	◯
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Figure 2-16. Task organization and unit current and projected status
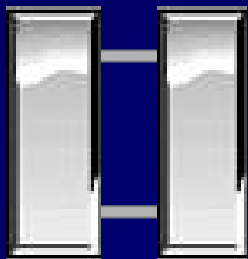
COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

G3 CELL

- **G3 Operations**
- **G3 Plans**
- **A²C²**
- **Fire Support**
- **Assistant division signal officer (ADSO)**
- **NBC**
- **Air Defense**
- **Engineer**
- **Aviation**
- **Air Force**
- **G1/G4**

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G3 OPERATIONS

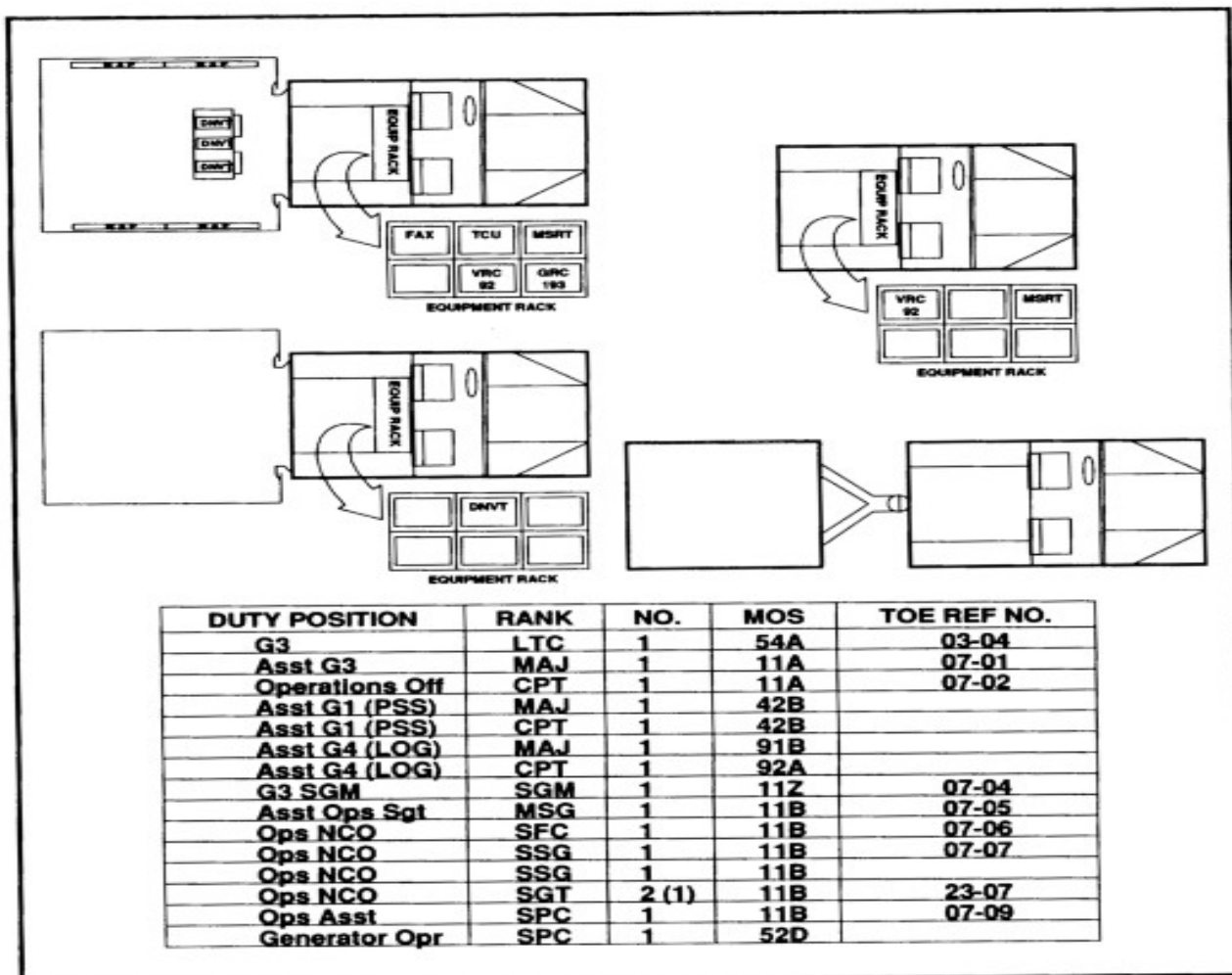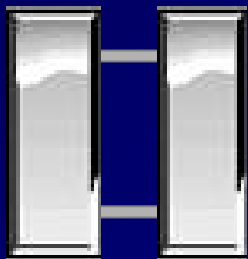| DUTY POSITION	RANK	NO.	MOS	TOE REF NO.
G3	LTC	1	54A	03-04
Asst G3	MAJ	1	11A	07-01
Operations Off	CPT	1	11A	07-02
Asst G1 (PSS)	MAJ	1	42B	
Asst G1 (PSS)	CPT	1	42B	
Asst G4 (LOG)	MAJ	1	91B	
Asst G4 (LOG)	CPT	1	92A	
G3 SGM	SGM	1	11Z	07-04
Asst Ops Sgt	MSG	1	11B	07-05
Ops NCO	SFC	1	11B	07-06
Ops NCO	SSG	1	11B	07-07
Ops NCO	SSG	1	11B	
Ops NCO	SGT	2 (1)	11B	23-07
Ops Asst	SPC	1	11B	07-09
Generator Opr	SPC	1	52D	

Figure 2-26. G3 operations cell vehicle and personnel

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

G3 OPERATIONS

- Synchronizes combat, CS, and CSS elements

- Allocates resources and establishes priorities of the division battle

- Issues FRAGO's to support current operations

- Monitors operations of higher and lower units

- Monitors operations of TAC and Rear CP's
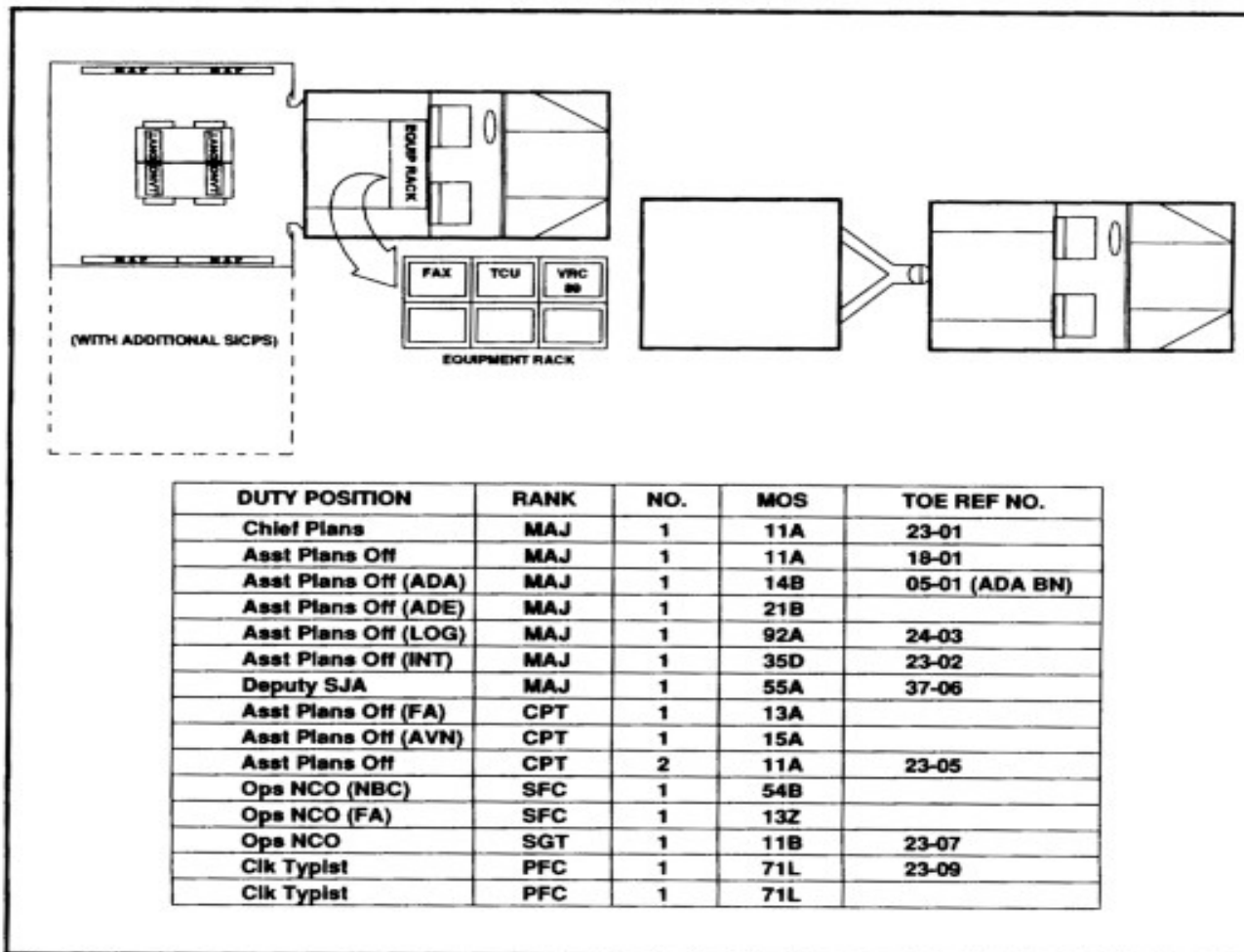
COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

G3 PLANS

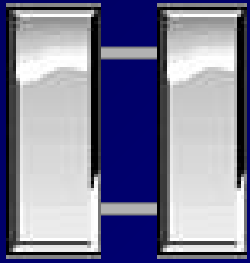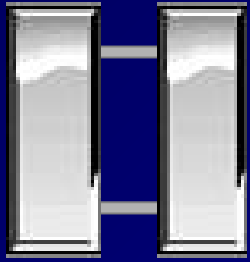| DUTY POSITION	RANK	NO.	MOS	TOE REF NO.
Chief Plans	MAJ	1	11A	23-01
Asst Plans Off	MAJ	1	11A	18-01
Asst Plans Off (ADA)	MAJ	1	14B	05-01 (ADA BN)
Asst Plans Off (ADE)	MAJ	1	21B	
Asst Plans Off (LOG)	MAJ	1	92A	24-03
Asst Plans Off (INT)	MAJ	1	35D	23-02
Deputy SJA	MAJ	1	55A	37-06
Asst Plans Off (FA)	CPT	1	13A	
Asst Plans Off (AVN)	CPT	1	15A	
Asst Plans Off	CPT	2	11A	23-05
Ops NCO (NBC)	SFC	1	54B	
Ops NCO (FA)	SFC	1	13Z	
Ops NCO	SGT	1	11B	23-07
Clk Typist	PFC	1	71L	23-09
Clk Typist	PFC	1	71L	

Figure 2-30. Plans element vehicle and personnel

G3 PLANS

- **Parallel planning with G2 and G3**

- **Synchronize all BOS into future operations**

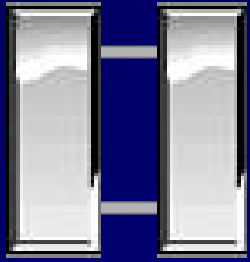- **Produce OPORD's and FRAGO's for future ops**

- **Monitor current operations**

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

A²C²

- Coordinate airspace to support tactical and logistical operation
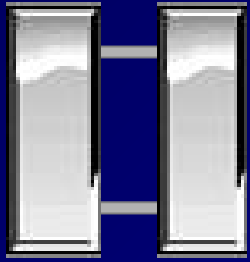
- Coordinate air defense artillery assets

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

FIRE SUPPORT
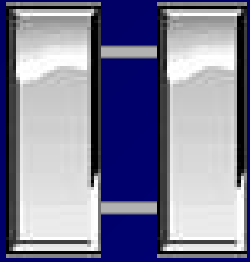
- Synchronize all fire support for division operations

- Establish priority of fires

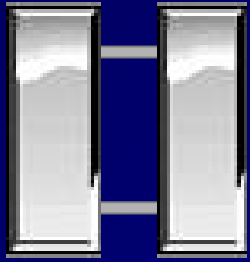- Coordinate targeting process

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

ENGINEER

- Allocate engineer resources and set priorities

- Monitor all engineer units

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

ASSISTANT DIVISION SIGNAL OFFICER

- **Synchronize all communication assets**

- **Allocate communication resources and set priorities**

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS
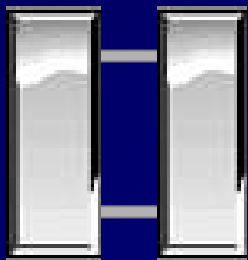
NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL (NBC)

- **Operate the division NBC warning and reporting system**

- **Allocate resources and set priorities**

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COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

G2 CELL

- G2 Operations
- All Source Productions Section (ASPS)
- Weather team
- Terrain team

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

G2 OPERATIONS

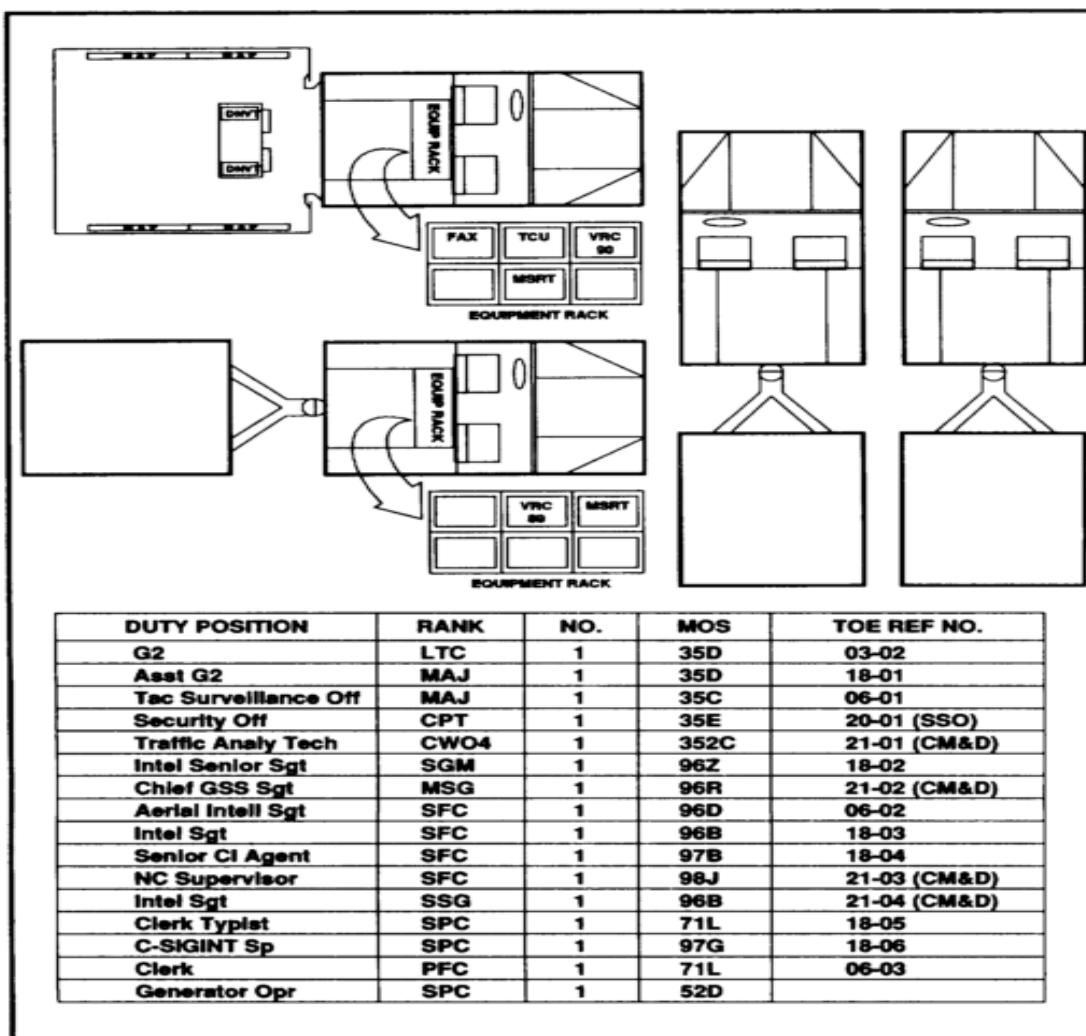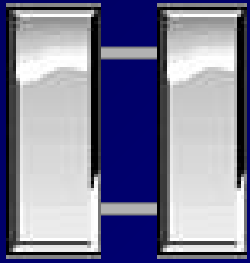| DUTY POSITION	RANK	NO.	MOS	TOE REF NO.
G2	LTC	1	35D	03-02
Asst G2	MAJ	1	35D	18-01
Tac Surveillance Off	MAJ	1	35C	06-01
Security Off	CPT	1	35E	20-01 (SSO)
Traffic Analy Tech	CWO4	1	352C	21-01 (CM&D)
Intel Senior Sgt	SGM	1	96Z	18-02
Chief GSS Sgt	MSG	1	96R	21-02 (CM&D)
Aerial Intell Sgt	SFC	1	96D	06-02
Intel Sgt	SFC	1	96B	18-03
Senior CI Agent	SFC	1	97B	18-04
NC Supervisor	SFC	1	98J	21-03 (CM&D)
Intel Sgt	SSG	1	96B	21-04 (CM&D)
Clerk Typist	SPC	1	71L	18-05
C-SIGINT Sp	SPC	1	97G	18-06
Clerk	PFC	1	71L	06-03
Generator Opr	SPC	1	52D	

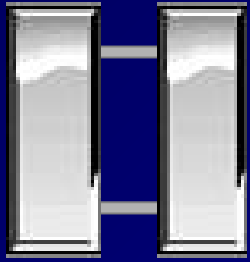Figure 2-43. G2 operations cell vehicle and personnel

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

G2 OPERATIONS

- Information hub of the division

- Synchronize intelligence from the TAC and Rear CPs

- Allocate intelligence resources

- Coordinate all reconnaissance assets
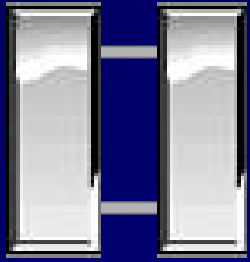
- Maintain enemy "picture of the battlefield"

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ASPS

- **Develop and maintain the division intelligence database**
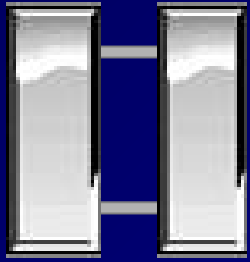
- **Identify gaps in intelligence**

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

WEATHER TEAM

- Provide weather support for the division

- Provide weather observations and forecasts
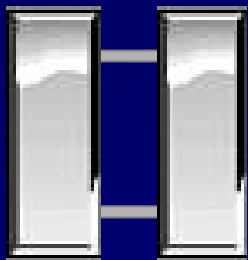
THE **A** *TEAM -"A TEAM" of ONE*

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

TERRAIN TEAM

- **Supports the intelligence preparation of the battlefield (IPB)**

- **Produce the modified combined obstacle overlay (MCOO)**
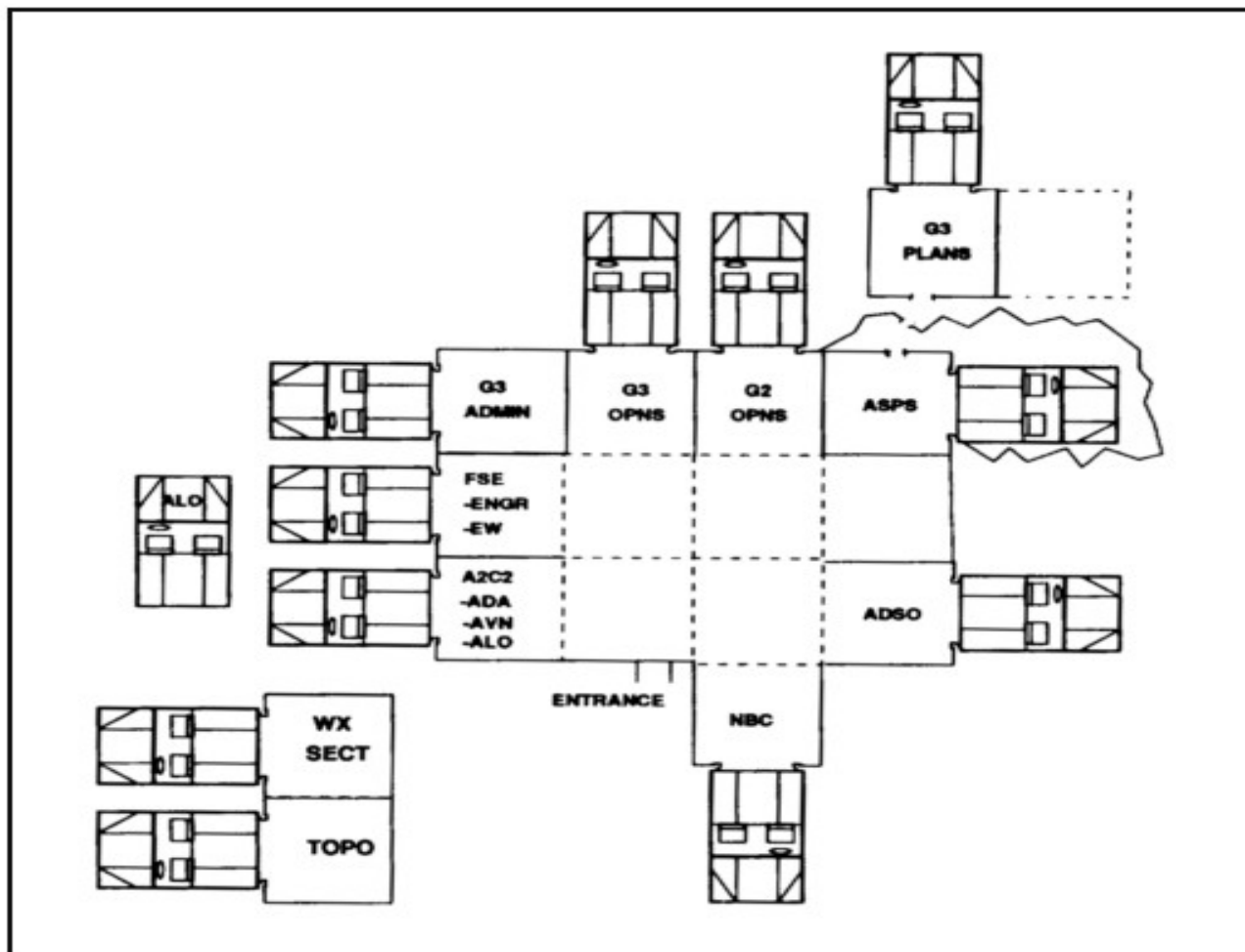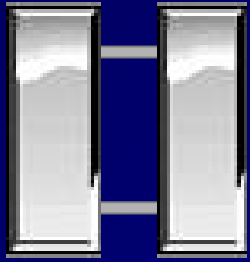
COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

MASSED CONFIGURATION

Figure 2-13. Main CP massed configuration

COMMAND POST FUNCTIONS

THE MAIN COMMAND POST

- Massed Configuration

- Command Cell

- G3 Cell

- G2 Cell